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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT SUFFERS FIVE MORE DEFEATS

REF: LONDON 9007

1. THE GOVERNMENT SUFFERED FIVE MORE DEFEATS ON ITS  
TRADE UNION AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS BILL AS THE COMMONS  
VOTED JULY 30 TO RETAIN ALL FIVE OF THE AMENDMENTS  
PASSED BY THE LORDS LAST WEEK. THE AMENDMENTS RESTRICT  
THE RIGHT OF TRADE UNIONS TO STAGE SYMPATHY STRIKES,  
TIGHTEN UP UNION RULE BOOKS, AND INCREASE PROTECTION OF  
WORKERS FROM ARBITRARY EXPULSION OR EXCLUSION FROM A  
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UNION.

2. ON THE VOTING, THE GOVERNMENT ENJOYED THE SUPPORT OF SEVEN NATIONALISTS, BUT ALL THE ULSTER UNIONISTS JOINED WITH THE CONSERVATIVES AND LIBERALS TO PROVIDE THE MARGINS OF DEFEAT. THE BILL, WHICH REPEALS AND REPLACES THE LAST GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACT, NOW GOES FORWARD FOR ROYAL ASSENT. (WE SHALL POUCH A COPY AND FURTHER ANALYSIS TO DEPARTMENT).

3. COMMENT: IN REPEALING THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DISCHARGED ONE OF ITS MOST IMPORTANT OBLIGATIONS TO THE TRADE UNIONS. THAT IT SUFFERED SUCH HUMILIATING DEFEATS IN THE PROCESS DURING THE SECOND READING (REFTEL) AND AGAIN YESTERDAY, WILL ONLY REINFORCE ITS CLAIM ON TRADE UNION SUPPORT IN THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL ELECTION.

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